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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION INCLUDING TITLE

Please amend the title as shown:

PEROXISOME-ASSOCIATED POLYPEPTIDE, NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES ENCODING PEROXISOME-ASSOCIATED POLYPEPTIDES, SAID POLYPEPTIDE AND THEIR USES IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND/OR TREATMENT OF LUNG INJURIES AND DISEASES, AND OF OXIDATIVE STRESS-RELATED DISORDERS

Please amend the specification beginning on page 4, line 29 as follows:

Said portions are advantageously comprised between:

- Glutamic acid position 13-14 Glutamic acid position 2728
- Alanine position 26-27 Leucine position 36<u>37</u>
- Alanine position 42-43 Glutamic acid position 5758
- Glutamic acid position 57-58 Valine position 6970
- Valine position 80-81 Leucine position 9798
- Arginine position 95-96 Leucine position 112113
- Serine position 118 119 Serine position 129 130
- Valine position 137-138 Threonine position 150151

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 17 as follows:

Figure 5A-C

represents respectively the alignment of the sequences of the human B18 polypeptide according to the invention (SEQ ID NO: 2) with the corresponding rat (SEQ ID NO: 4) and mouse (SEQ ID NO: 6) sequences.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 27 as follows:

An amino analysis of the complete human B18 amino acid sequence shows that said polypeptide presents specific portions showing an a homology with other antioxidant enzymes (starting from a Leucine at position 36-37 until a Cysteine at position 4748) and an other another portion having an important homology with beta chains of ATP synthase (starting from a Glutamic acid at position 13-14 until a Glycine in position 3839).

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Furthermore, the Inventors have identified a position of the B18 human polypeptide which presents an-a homology with a Cyclophilin-binding domain of *Candida boidinii* PMP20 (receptor of the immuno-suppressant drug cyclosporine A). Said possible Cyclophilin-binding domain is starting from the Threonine in position 150-151 until the Leucine in position 161162.